

TO THE MEMBERS

—OF—

The First Baptist Church,

BRANTFORD, - ONT.

Abstract of Proceedings of Annual Meeting held
in the Basement of the Church, on
Mar. 5th. 1884.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

L. Benedict, Treasurer, in Account with First Baptist Church,
Brantford, Ontario.

Feb. 1st, 1884.		Feb. 1st, 1884.	
To Weekly Offerings.....	\$1745 67	Balance from last year.....	\$ 109 96
" Collections.....	831 23	Paid Pastor	1400 00
" Subscriptions to S. School.....	120 75	" Caretaker	160 00
" " Church Debt....	90 00	" Organist	80 00
" " Home Missions	190 80	" Organ Pumper.....	10 00
" " Min. Education	96 80	" Insurance	42 00
" " Foreign Mis..	550 00	" Repairs	145 85
" Jubilee Services	51 50	" Fuel.....	113 08
		" Gas	69 55
		" Singing Books	9 48
		" Association	5 00
		" Pulpit Supplies	96 00
		" Communion Wine	9 90
		" Expenses of Jubilee	48 15
		" Delegates to Convention ..	6 60
		" Sundry Expenses	30 79
		" Treas. Home Missions	190 25
		" Treas. Min. Education	96 25
		" Treas. Foreign Missions ..	550 00
		Balance on hand	2 89
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	\$3175 75		\$3175 75
Accounts outstanding yet to be paid			\$374 57
Less Cash on hand			2 89
Leaving a deficit of			<hr/>
			\$371 68

**AMOUNT IN TOTAL RAISED BY THE CHURCH FOR THE YEAR ENDING
FEBRUARY 1st, 1884.**

Weekly Offerings.....	\$1745 67
Weekly Collections.....	331 23
For Church Debt.....	90 00
For Sunday School.....	120 75
For Home Missions.....	190 80
For Ministerial Education.....	96 80
For Foreign Missions.....	550 00
Poor Fund.....	92 01
By Women's Mission Circle.....	103 35
By Gleaners.....	about 125 00
Total.....	\$3444 61

The Auditors reported that they had examined the books and accounts of the Treasurer and found them correct and satisfactory.

REPORT OF THE MANAGING COMMITTEE.

The Managing Committee make this their Third Annual Report being for the year ending January 31st, 1884.

You have already learned from the Treasurer's Statement what funds have been paid in during the year and how they have been expended. We are sorry to report this has not been a prosperous year financially. Commencing the year with a deficit of \$109.96 and with some accounts still outstanding on the church debt, the efforts of the committee have been spent in vain in trying to keep the income equal to the expenditure. At the time of our last report a few subscriptions on the Church Debt had not been paid, in and on these there was a shrinkage of over forty dollars. For these reasons the committee has been forced to close the year with the large deficit of \$371.68. The Weekly Offerings have been about \$80 dollars less than last year and about \$200 less than the preceeding year. With such a falling revenue we have been obliged to be very careful and some needed repairs have been unavoidably postponed.

We have now about 150 subscribers to the church funds, the great majority of whom pay weekly, but a few prefer to pay quarterly. Of these 150 about 115 may be called regular subscribers and are classed as follows :—

3 @ \$2 00 per week.

1 " 1 00 "

2 " 75 "

5 " 50 "

2 " 40 "

3 " 35 "

5 @ \$ 30 per week.

39 " 30 "

11 " 20 "

15 " 15 "

20 " 10 "

10 " 5 "

These pay in about thirty-two dollars per week amounting to (say) \$1664.00 in the year. The balance is made up of those who pay only occasionally and whose subscriptions cannot be depended upon. To enable the committee to carry on the management of the church efficiently, a large increase in the weekly offerings is needed and must be made or other means resorted to in order to raise the necessary amount. An average subscription of forty-five dollars per week will be required, and this means an increase of 33 per cent. on the present subscriptions. It will be a matter for the serious consideration of our successors whether our present system of raising funds to carry on the church is the most efficient and popular one.

The committee have under consideration several alterations to the church, such as—a better exit—more light—better heating arrangements—a more suitable place for the organ—and other improvements, but have to recommend that they be laid over for the present.

We have to express our satisfaction with the services rendered by our efficient Janitor during the year. Taking into account the extra work since the chairs were put in the basement we have thought proper to grant him a small bonus and think it was justly earned.

We are pleased to report that the subscriptions to the different denominational objects have increased over the preceeding year about \$100.

The deliberations of the committee have been very harmonious and they feel that they have conscientiously performed their duty using the funds that you placed at their disposal to the best advantage possible and beg you to accept this report.

(Signed),

JOS. N. SHENSTON,

Chairman

STATEMENT OF POOR FUND.

Balance from last year.....	\$ 34 80
Received during the year	98 01
Total.....	\$126 81
Paid out during the year.....	114 25
Balance on hand,.....	\$ 12 06

STATISTICAL REPORT OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

Number of members reported last year.....	502
Received by letter during the year	16
Received by Baptism	37
Received by Experience	7
	562
Diminutions by letter.....	22
Diminutions by erasure.....	4
Diminutions by exclusion.....	2
Diminutions by death	7
	35
	527

OFFICE BEARERS FOR THE COMING YEAR.

DEACONS—T. S. Shenston, Geo. Hill, Geo. Chittenden, A. Benedict, John Harris, D. Dengate, Geo. Winter, Samuel Passmore, and Hugh Howie.

TREASURER—L. Benedict ; CLERK—F. Chalcraft.

MANAGING COMMITTEE—A. Harris, W. T. Wickham, C. Slater, A. Murray, Jos. N. Shenston.

AUDITORS—James Cox, Thos. Callis.